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Millard Drukenbrod will enter the boys' school at Winona this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer and family spent a week at Clear Lake.

Mr. Robert Niedhammer, of Mahoningtown, Pa., spent Labor Day in the city.

Mrs. Reuben Mullen and children, of Ashley, Ind., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Walter.

For the want of space a number of obituary notices were crowded out of this issue of the *Visitor*, but will appear in the next issue.

Mrs. Anna Niehoff, of Covington, Ky., spent several weeks with her sons in this city. We were glad to have her in our services again.

Rev. E. V. Loucks, of Leighton, Iowa, was a guest at the parsonage recently. He had been attending the Bible conference at Winona.

The next meeting of the Womans Missionary society will be held at Mrs. H. J. Straub, 621 West Third street, Thursday afternoon, September 14th.

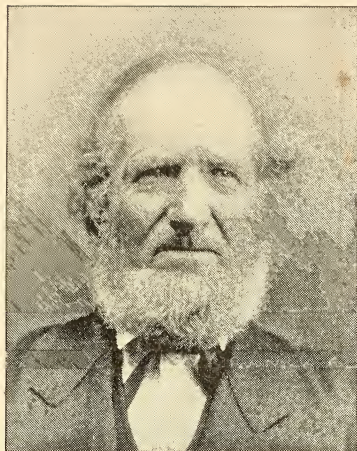
The new carpet for the lecture rooms, have you contributed anything toward the carpet fund? The ladies do not want to purchase the carpet until the money is in the treasury to pay for it. With the cash in hand you can always purchase to a good advantage. If you have not already paid toward the carpet do so at once.

At a meeting of the Ladies Society held Wednesday evening, September 7th, it was decided to give the church a good renovating. Thursday, September 22nd has been appointed as the day when they will begin the work. They expect to clean the auditorium that day. The work in the lecture rooms will be done some time later, when the new carpet is ready to be put down. It is expected that every one who possibly can do so will come and give her assistance, and those who cannot come are requested to pay for a substitute. The church certainly needs a thorough renovation, and every member should be interested in having our church home clean and in good order.

DeEtta Crystal Baltzell and Eva Belle Huntsman were baptised by the pastor at the morning service, Sunday, August 14th. At the same service the following members were received into the Church: Mrs. John Beighler, Mr. Ben. Conrad, by letter; by baptism and confirmation, Nellie May Huntsman.

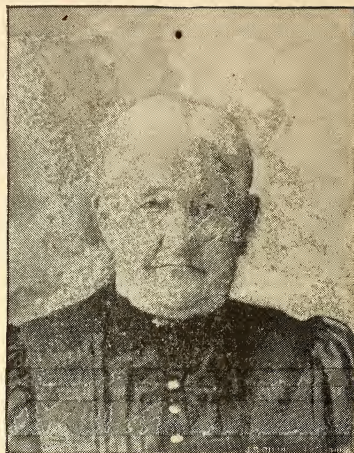
The Juniors have begun their Sunday afternoon meetings again, and are making a determined effort to get all the boys and girls of the Sunday-school into their society. Parents, will you not see to it that your children attend the Junior meeting every Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock?

Mr. and Mrs. McAndrews and son, who have been visiting Mrs. McAndrew's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gavin, have returned to their home in St. Thomas, Canada.



**Isaac Zartman.**

Isaac Zartman was born in Hopewell township, Perry county, Ohio, on March 4, 1814, and died on March 5, 1901, aged 87 years and 1 day. On the day he was 87 he rode on horseback, as was his daily habit for many years. His last illness was of only ten minutes duration. His death was caused by angina pectoris, pain about the heart. His last utterance was in German—"Ich gehe in die ewigkeit"—I am entering eternity. His funeral was on Saturday, March 9. Text: John 16:32 and Psalm 17:17.



**Rebecca Zartman.**

Rebecca King Zartman was born in Thorn township, Perry county, Ohio, on May 21, 1816, and died on July 28, 1904, aged 88 years, 2 months and 7 days. Her last illness was caused by a severe fall on July 20. Death followed one week later. One of her last utterance was to a daughter—"Surely we shall all meet in heaven." Her funeral was on Saturday, July 30. Texts: Job 5:26 and Rev. 2:10. Isaac and Rebecca Zartman lived together in wedded life 65 years 8 months and 10 days.

### **Rebecca King Zartman.**

IN MEMORIUM.

By Rufus Calvin Zartman.

Rebecca King Zartman, relict of the late Isaac Zartman, and daughter of Peter and Magdalene King, was born in Thorn township, Perry county, Ohio, on the 21st day of May, A. D.

1816. Her birth-place was on the farm owned today by Mr. Adam Helser. In the same year (1816) she was dedicated to the Lord in the rite of Holy Baptism administered by Rev. George Weisz, pastor of the Reformed Church in this community at that time. By her pious parents she was early taught what to believe and how to live as a

Christian, and after instruction in the duties and doctrines of our historic and beloved Reformed faith, as set forth in the Heidelberg catechism, at the age of sixteen years she was confirmed at Zion Church in Thorn township as a member of the Reformed Church. At the age of fifteen years, with her parents she moved from her native place to Glenford, where she resided up to the time of her marriage. After removing to Glenford, she used to walk from there to Zion or Reibold's Church, a distance of four miles, to be taught in the catechism preparatory to her confirmation.

Her marriage to Isaac Zartman was on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1835. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. Charles Henkle, a minister of the Lutheran denomination. From the time of her marriage until her death, sixty-nine years, she resided on the farm where she departed this life shortly after midnight on Thursday, July 28, 1904. Isaac and Rebecca Zartman lived together in happy prosperous wedded life nearly sixty-six (66) years, and during all of that long eventful, remarkable period, on the Pleasant Hill Farm. This is a record which has few, if any parallels, in the history of Perry county.

Mother Zartman realized the fulfillment of the Lord's promise—"With long life will I satisfy the righteous." Her age was 88 years, 2 months and 7 days. Her longevity reminds us forcibly of the fifth commandment—"Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season."

Mother Zartman, in and through her off-spring had great happiness and wielded a powerful and far-reaching influence for good. Nine children, four sons and five daughters, called her mother, to thirty grandchildren she was grand-mother, and to sixteen children she was great-grand-mother. Of this posterity eight children, twenty five grand-children, and fifteen great-grand-children are living. The husband, a son, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild preceded her into the heavenly world. The children who survive are: Mrs. Leah A. Mechling, Glenford; Mr. Solomen K. Zartman, Dayton; Mrs. Sarah A. Swinehart, Somerset; Mrs. Maggie Z. Vogt, Dayton; Mrs. Angie A. Alspach, Thornville; Rev. Allen K. Zartman, D. D., Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. Jennie M. Parks, Glenford, and Rev. Rufus Calvin Zartman, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Mother Zartman within the past three years has been in broken, failing health, having suffered much at times, but rallied again and again from severe illnesses. In the past her health was improved and reasonably good, and she was able to be up and about the house and on pleasant days she would sit on the porch and walk out into the yard to see the beautiful flowers which she loved so well. On June the 9th, accompanied by Mrs. Alspach, she made a visit to Mrs. Mechling, at Glenford, going in the morning and returning in the evening. This was a journey of six miles made by carriage and mother enjoyed it greatly.

On Wednesday evening, July 20th, she accidentally fell and became bruised and much disabled; she was placed on



her bed from which she did not again arise; she became weaker and feebler daily, but remained conscious almost to the end, which came a few minutes after midnight on Thursday morning, July 28th. Surrounded by four daughters and two sons-in-law she quietly fell asleep in Jesus and entered into that blessed rest which is promised to the children of God. Since the decease of Father Zartman in March, 1901, her prayer and yearning have been to be released from the cares and trials of this life, that she might be reunited with the many loved ones gone before. She was often conversed with on the subject of death and the hereafter, and always expressed the most confident assurance and the strongest faith concerning the life and glory awaiting the children of our heavenly Father. For her to live was Christ and to die was gain.

Mother Zartman's death was like falling asleep at close of day. Comfortably and peacefully she came to the end of her life-work. So far as known there was no particular disease that caused her death. It was old age, and the end was hastened by the fall a week prior to her departure. Her death was the burning down of the candle in its socket; it was the passing out of the spirit like the tide of the sea ebbing out little by little; it was the liberating of the soul from its tenement of clay and a flying away as a bird from its prison cage soars away to its native element. "We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." "To be absent from the

body is to be present with the Lord."

Mother Zartman was a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church from the time of its organization, about seventy years ago. During these three score and ten years she continued to be an earnest, devoted and faithful member of the Church. And as long as health and strength permitted she was a regular attendant upon the Sunday-school and a member of the "Mothers' Class." For many years to come it will be remembered how often she decorated the pulpit and chancel with beautiful flowers and plants from her large and choice collection. This she did in loving service and honor of Him who is "The Rose of Sharron," and "The Lily of the valleys."

Mother Zartman cultivated and exhibited the grace of hospitality. To relatives, neighbors and friends her home was always wide open, and her table was spread with bounty for all who came. Her beautiful and generous spirit of hospitality will never be forgotten. She acted in accord with the example and command of the Master, who fed the large multitude—"Freely ye have received, freely give."

Mother Zartman was a great lover of flowers, and to their culture she devoted much thought and attention. She cultivated flowers, not for pecuniary gain, but to adorn and beautify the home and make it attractive to her family and all who came to it. The ardent admirer of these "smiles of the Creator" has gone to be in the garden of Paradise, "where never withering flowers bloom," and where Jesus is "the fairest among ten thousand and the one altogether lovely."

Mother Zartman was a faithful wife

and a loving mother; in the home her influence and usefulness were pre-eminently felt and recognized by all who knew her. With faithful and persistent endeavor she thought to rear and nurture her children in the Lord, and by precept and example pointed out to them the way of salvation, usefulness and happiness. With watchful care and prayer did she plant the seeds of moral habit and Christian character in the hearts of her offspring.

When she was a young woman, about the time of her joining church, her father presented her with a German Bible, which she kept and read and diligently searched unto her last days. A German prayer and hymn book, together with her Bible, were her constant companions; these she kept close at hand and daily read and pondered as long as strength permitted. This is a beautiful example of faith and devotion to God's word and the truth that maketh wise unto life eternal.

Mother Zartman's life and character were, therefore, strong and determined for all that was purest, loveliest and best. She had a great dislike and a righteous disdain for everything that had the appearance of evil; and only that which was pure and good and Christian could find favor in her eyes. She being dead will continue to speak. Her works will follow her.

Mother Zartman had six brothers and seven sisters. Four brothers and four sisters have preceded her to the eternal world. Two brothers and three sisters survive. But the greater company of kith and kin has gone over the river of death; and especially is this true of all those who were of her age and years; they are on the other shore. It

is a thought of unspeakable comfort, that she in her ripe, advanced age has gone to be reunited with that company of the blest and thus be forever with them and the Lord.

The funeral was on Saturday after-

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noon, July 30th, from the late residence in Hopewell township. The services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. George S. Gill, of Somerset, who was assisted by Rev. John E. Stone, of Thornville and Rev. Chas. E. Stoner, of Basil, all ministers of the Reformed Church. There was a brief service at the house and then at the St. Paul's Church, and concluded at the grave. Rev. Gill preached the sermon from Job 5:26 and Rev. 2:10. The hymns sung were the following: "Abide with me," "God be with you," "It is well with my soul," "I shall be satisfied," and "Only a little while to wait." The singing was by the Church choir. The three sons and three sons-in-law were pall-bearers, namely: Solomon, Allen and Rufus Zartman, Jacob W. Vogt, Benjamin Alspach and William H. Parks. The honorary pall-bearers were Seth R. Johnson, Peter P. Mechling, Plummer Reed, David M. Helser, Frank G. Smith and Owen H. Mechling.

All the sons and daughters, many grandchildren and numerous relatives, friends and neighbors attended the funeral services. The grave was lined with white cloth and decorated with evergreens and flowers. The floral pieces were many and handsome. The undertaker was a nephew of the deceased, namely, Mr. Charles C. Zartman, of Gratiot, Ohio.

The Sunday-school and Church and all societies of the Church, will soon be called upon to assist in preparing a program for Rally Day, which this year will be observed about the middle of October.

Mr. W. A. Rex, of Tiffin, spent Labor Day at the parsonage.

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